

Is the length of the permit season adjustable?

Yes, there is latitude to adjust season length and start operations early or extend later if weather conditions allow (optional shoulder seasons).

What is the term-length of the permit?

The forest has decided on a five-year + five-year extension dependent on performance.

Is there an opportunity to better utilize online reservations?

Yes, the permittee will be allowed to make at least the majority (80%) if not all sites reservable on Recreation.gov.

Is Recreation.gov required?

Yes, Recreation.gov is the only authorized reservation system for Forest Service-developed recreation sites, including but not limited to campgrounds, cabins, and group use areas. Applicants may recommend adding sites to or deleting sites from Recreation.gov or changing the number of sites that may be reserved, the minimum number of days per reservation, or the location of sites that may be reserved. The permit holder also may make these recommendations during the term of the permit. The authorized officer will decide whether to accept or reject the recommendations.

What are the obligations for the various passes?

The permit holder must provide a 50 percent discount on recreation fees charged under REA at developed recreation sites to holders of Golden Age and Golden Access Passports, as well as holders of the Interagency Senior and Access Passes.

Specifically, holders of these passes are entitled to a 50 percent discount on the fee for a single campsite occupied by the pass holders. The pass holders are not entitled to a discount on the fee for a multiple-family campsite, cabin, or group use area or any additional campsites occupied by those accompanying the pass holders. The 50 percent campsite discount does not include utility, water, or any other hookup fees.).

Are there channels to gain feedback from visitors?

Applicants can look at sites such as Trip Adviser and other public domains for customer feedback. The prospectus will require that permittees have comment cards or other means for visitors to provide feedback.

Can the financial information be updated to confirm that the gross revenue reflects Grand Annual Pass sales, retail item sales, firewood sales, and site usage?

Financial information as previously provided does include all revenue including: Golden Age Pass Sales, Annual Pass Sales, Firewood Sales, Store Sales, Reservations, Day Use fees, Vending Sales, Showers, Fishing Licenses (AZ Game and Fish), and Ice Sales.

Is there a way to capture past hazard tree mortality rates?

We do not have this information currently.

Can GT funds be used for Hazard tree removal.

Yes, GT funds can be used for the cost of hazard tree removal above the 1% that the permittee is financially responsible for.

Who is responsible for Hazard tree removal?

The permit holder is 100% responsible for hazard tree mitigation.

Who owns the tree once it is on the ground?

The permit holder owns/is responsible for the tree once on the ground. Disposal or utilization can be negotiated with the local district representative. (i.e., utilize for firewood, donate to local American Indian Tribes, etc.)

Is there a goal for electrification of sites?

Not at this time. The forest may be open to electrifying site in the future on a case-by-case basis.

Are there opportunities for expanded vendor services such as food and beverage, gear rental, Outfitter and Guide services?

Yes, the forest would entertain food and beverage services and gear rentals. Outfitter and Guide operations require a separate permit.

Is it possible to add to the site inventory?

Limited additions of Yurts, camp trailers, “glamping” or outfitted camping may be considered by the forest and should be included in the application package.

Would improvements within a campground such as volleyball courts, horseshoe pits, group gathering areas be allowed?

The forest would consider these improvements, but they do require a National Environmental Policy Act analysis prior to approval.

Would a transit program also include guided tours?

This is a possibility that would require an additional O/G permit.

If transit is a part of the permit would campground guests be required to pay additional fees for the West Fork of Oak Creek, Grasshopper Point, and Crescent Moon?

That is up to the permit holder.

Is there an opportunity to allow for group-use for non-profit organizations and associated outfitter and guide operations?

Any O/G use will require a separate permit. Non-profit organizations can arrange for group-use stays at appropriate locations. Revenue from non-profit organizations is required to be reported.

Would rappelling from the Oak Creek Vista be permitted?

This is an O/G activity that would require a permit from the Flagstaff Ranger District. A capacity analysis has not been completed for this area yet, so priority use permits (10-year permits) are not available.

Who manages and maintains the natural spring next to Pine Flats Campground?

That is maintained by Ariz. Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ)

What are the number of available potable water fill sites per campground?

This will be posted on the website as part of the improvement listing.

Can prospective applicants get information on the current cost of services such as garbage, toilet pumping, etc.?

That information is not available currently and is dependent on the service provider.

Are all the picnic tables cement?

For the most part yes. Moqui Group Use Campground picnic tables on the Mogollon Rim are still wood and are being replaced with new wood tables. GT funds can be used to make the upgrades.

There is a Great American Outdoors Act (GAOA) improvement project undergoing the approval process for the Cave Springs Campground. This project is to stabilize the bank of Oak Creek along the entrance road and improve the access road. Will that project impact operations?

Yes. This project could impact operations from 6 to 12 months.

Can the use-rate for the campgrounds and day-use areas be increased to offset minimum wage requirements?

All rate increases require Forest Service approval and will be considered.

Outside of the Cave Springs GAOA project, does road maintenance fall under GT offset or the Forest Service?

This depends on the size and scope of the improvements. Minor improvements and maintenance are the responsibility of the permit holder (GT appropriate). Major work may fall under the responsibility of the FS.

How are GT offset projects approved?

They are a result of bi-annual inspections and evaluations. All projects must be approved and documented in the GT agreement prior to initiation. A sample inspection will be included in the prospectus application.

For the West Fork of Oak Creek (Call of the Canyon), is traffic management the responsibility of the permit holder or the Forest Service?

It is the responsibility of the concessionaire, but the FS will add additional staffing on busy weekends/holidays if available.

Who is responsible for parking along Hwy 89A between Cave Springs and the West Fork of Oak Creek?

Shared between Ariz. Department of Transportation and the Forest Service.

For the addition to the Grasshopper Point boundary (concessionaire is responsible down to the waters edge), what is the chances of lawsuits due to injury?

Minimal as the boundary is to the waters edge and does not include Oak Creek or the cliff jumping locations. Visitors undertake inherent risk while on the National Forest.

For Grasshopper Point, can additional signage be added alerting visitors that lifeguards are not available?

Yes, all signage must be approved by the FS

Is currency in 1st Aid and CPR required for concessionaire employees?

Yes.

Are Automated External Defibrillators (AED's) required to be on site?

Yes.

Do Americans with Disabilities Act requirements apply to campground and day use improvements?

Yes.

Will property replacement insurance be required?

That is being determined by the Forest currently and will be noted in the prospectus offering.

Are utilities individually metered?

This depends on the sites. Some sites on the Mogollon Rim and Flagstaff Districts are shared between the agency and the concessionaires. The concession sites should be metered separately to reflect electrical and water usage.

What are the current and past fees for the Mogollon Rim sites?

All Mogollon Rim Ranger District sites have been pulled from the prospectus offering.

Would managing Blue Ridge Reservoir be part of the prospectus offering?

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When was Bonito Campground built?

It was constructed in the 1960's and updated in the mid-90's. Part of the updated construction was to increase the length of some sites and increase the number of pull-throughs.

What is the use at Lockett Meadow?

Relatively high all summer with an increase in visitation during the fall color season (first three weeks of October).

How often do the current concessionaire hosts visit Lockett Meadow?

5 days a week as they are based out of the O'Leary group-use site.

How often is the vault toilet pumped at Lockett Meadow?

Two times a year, the FS pays for the pumping in the spring, the concessionaire pays for the pumping in the fall.

Are there corrals at Elden Horse Camp?

The host has a corral setup, the rest of the sites are highline.

What happens with the manure?

There is an onsite dumpster for manure disposal.

What is the reservation system at Elden Horse Camp?

100% reservation.

Will the current toilet be replaced?

Yes, a vault toilet will be installed.

What is the water system at Double Springs?

Shared water with the Forest Service, concessionaire is responsible for maintenance. The spigot handles are removed when the site is closed.

For the Pine Grove Campground, how many sites are reservable?

Currently 50% are reservable, 50 % are 1st come, 1st served.

Who currently does the interpretation?

USFS rangers.

How much does the Forest Service pay for their interpretation ranger?

That is not available.

Who is responsible for the sewage lagoon at Pine Groove?

The concessionaire is responsible, GT funds can be used for maintenance.